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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Andrea PARRINO et al.	). ) Group Art Unit: 3753
Application No.: 10/511,391	) Examiner: John K. Fristoe, Jr.
Filed: October 15, 2004	) )
For: CONNECTION ELEMENT AND CONNECTING DEVICE FOR TUBES	) Confirmation No.: 2102 )
Commissioner for Patents	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2007, the period for response extending to May 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this Reply.